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4th OF JULY

The Ypsilanti Area Salutes "Old Glory"

Winner says:
'Old Glory more than just a flag'
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Lineup
Fourth parade to include 100 units
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WW I veterans to serve as marshals
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By RON LEUTY
Press Staff Writer

Ypsilanti always has put its best foot forward and marched down its main streets with a smile every Fourth of July.

Since before Michigan was a state, the city named for the hero of Greece's independence has celebrated the United States' independence with pomp and fun.

This year's parade steps off as the 60th annual march, sponsored by American Legion Post 282.

Area residents' first organized celebration of the Fourth of July came in 1824 and continued throughout the years. In 1845, the observance was held on a little island near the Michigan Avenue (then Congress Street) bridge. The isle, since buried under the currents of the Huron River, was named Independence Island.

According to history books, the celebration of 1874 was one of the biggest ever.

"A very large concourse of people assembled on this occasion," according to the book *Past and Present of Washtenaw County, Michigan*, "the streets of Ypsilanti being crowded all day and people from all over the country entering into the celebration."

Long-time residents have said the parades of the early 20th century were spectacles to behold and true celebrations of patriotism.

After a short drought, observers agreed last year that the parade has regained its niche in residents' holiday agendas. Unofficial crowd estimates at last year's parade ranged from 20,000 to 40,000.

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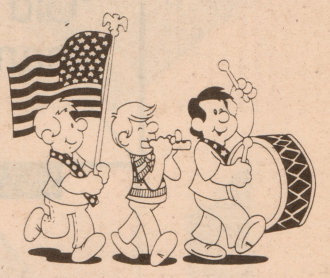

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Contest winner: 'Old Glory more than just a flag'

By PAULA DOHRING
Press Staff Writer

A Belleville woman who grew up in Canada gave the Ypsilanti Fourth of July Parade its theme: "Old Glory, The Symbol of Liberty and Justice."

"It has become the fashion to regard her as only a flag," wrote Dolores Anderson, 58, of 110 Astor Place, whose entry was chosen from more than 25 suggestions in the Ypsilanti Press sponsored contest.

"Old Glory is more than that. She represents the hopes and desires of all who see her. Even when justice is abused and our liberties threatened, Old Glory encourages the heart to keep hope."

And "keeping heart" has been the theme of Anderson's life: She's been widowed twice, once left to raise the five of her seven children who were still living at home.

Now she drives a connector bus for SMART, formerly SEMTA, in Wayne County. Her customers primarily are senior citizens and the handicapped.

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> *— Dolores Anderson, parade theme contest winner*

"I pick them up at home and drive them wherever," she said. "The people I serve are the best part of my job. I think they're wonderful.

"It's kind of like a bartending job," she said. "You hear all their problems, it's like being a psychiatrist."

Anderson drives all over Wayne County, from Dearborn to Downriver, picking up passengers at their homes. She drives to their destination, then Anderson brings them home.

"My lifestyle is mostly wrapped around SMART," she says, since her hours are from 4 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"The overall time involved is the whole day," she said. "Sometimes it's not convenient to come home between trips."

The free time between her runs allows Anderson to pursue a favorite hobby, reading.

"Most bus drivers are great readers," she said, laughing. "I read all kinds of magazines and all the how-to books you can think of.

"I buy all kinds of books, about UFO's, psychic books, religious, historical. Anything to learn from — I've got a terrible hunger to learn."

Anderson said she intended to go to art school after she graduated high school, but married instead.

"I got married, raised seven children, then my husband passed away when I had five left at home," she said. "I went to work to support them."

Anderson lived in Taylor then, where she stayed after her second marriage to Douglas Anderson. He died in September 1987, and she decided to relocate.

"I needed a change when he died, since I'd lived in Taylor since 1954," she said. "At first, I was going to buy a house here because I like Belleville, but then I decided to rent first. I'm in no big hurry."

Anderson lives with her canaries, Tweety and her "husband," Gabriel. The birds, one green and one yellow, have had three "children."

In her home on Astor Place, Anderson follows another hobby. She said she likes to paint china, and works on it whenever she gets time and wherever she has room to do it.

Anderson, whose father was British, said she will be proud to ride as guest of honor in the parade. She said some of her children and six grandchildren may accompany her.

The theme-winner said she chose "Old Glory" as her topic because people didn't seem respectful of the red, white and blue banner.

Thanks to her, tens of thousands of local residents will join Anderson on the Fourth of July in saluting thousands of U.S. flags as they wave through Ypsilanti.

ANDERSON

Press photo by Paul Hurschmann

Parade trophy, plaques ready

Marsha Hall-Jenkins and David Ostrowski of the Ypsilanti Fourth of July Parade Float Committee show off the newly offered trophy to be awarded to the grand prize winner. There also will be plaques awarded to second and third place float and plaques for the best color guard and best band. There will be a picnic following the parade Tuesday in Riverside Park with vintage automobiles and hot rods on display in Frog Island Park.

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Parade contest entries show patriotism, imagination

Here are the entries in the Ypsilanti Press sponsored contest to provide a theme for the Ypsilanti Fourth of July parade.

Ted Birkeland, 5928 Victoria, Lot 23, Belleville:

Stand Tall America — Our flag is red, our flag is white, our flag is blue, what a beautiful sight. It shows the freedom within, it shows the freedom of all, so come on America, let's all stand tall. "It talks about the beauty of our flag, and it expresses the fact that we have Freedom. By America Standing Tall, we can put an end to crime, drugs, etc..."

Shoner Langford, 2141 Mary Catherine, Ypsilanti:

Shooting Stars — Let's Light the Sky with Joy. "Everyone should be happy and thank God they have the freedom to live a happy life. The Constitution states not only the power of the government but the power of the people, which is freedom. People should be happy. Happy enough to light the sky with joy. Like shooting stars.

Jason Estep, 9942 Linda, Lot 377, Ypsilanti:

Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life. "It is very necessary to live the good life and we have to do something to stop this 'death by drugs' going on in Ypsilanti.

Opie Long, 1140 Wendell, Ypsilanti:

Ypsilanti Patriotic Festivity Parade. "All of us should be loyal and love and support our country, and be proud we live in the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Arlene Sheldon, 330 Chidister, #506, Ypsilanti:

Flying High With Old Glory. "The fourth of July parade is a joyous occasion where our spirits fly high. As we think of our flag, Old Glory, flying high in the breeze it represents our feeling of exhilaration in having a parade in good old Ypsi, U.S.A."

"R" Donn Newhouse, 316 North, Ypsilanti:

A Salute to Volunteers. "Since our nation's founding, the act of volunteering, either offering a monetary donation or personal aid to specific programs has become natural and oft unrecognized. This theme would allow practically every type organization to recognize their volunteers and/or programs, and provide a medium of appreciation, or recruitment of volunteers."

Colleen Brohl, 50333 Willis, #32, Belleville:

Great Inventors of the United States. "The United States would not be the place it is now without our great American inventors, such as Eli Whitney, Ben Franklin, Henry Ford, etc. Where would we be today without them. What could be more patriotic than American brilliance.

Jim and Marilyn Goodsman, 5448 Pine View, Ypsilanti:

The Spirit of Volunteerism. "1) At the national level President Bush is encouraging a resurgence of volunteerism but most importantly, 2) The spirit of volunteerism in Ypsilanti e.g. The Heritage Festival, Festival of Lights, etc. is what is making Ypsilanti an even greater place to live!"

Stevie Wolf, II, 10404 Borgman, Belleville:

America and the Space Race or America and The New Frontier. "When the space shuttle exploded it brought the country together. Now that the space shuttle has resumed flying it is time to rejoice. The ideas for the space theme could be endless. For instance a space shuttle float, martians, the planets we hope to visit, astronauts, space colony, moon rocks."

Todd Zeller, 620 Martin, Ypsilanti:

Fourth of July (Independence Day) and why we celebrate it. "It is the birthday of our country. Each year on July Fourth states and possessions of the United States celebrate it. Independence Day is the anniversary of the day the Declaration of Independence was adopted by Congress — July 4, 1776. We celebrate this day because over 200 years ago our fathers fought and died for our freedom, and for that I am very grateful. I think my theme is best because people are forgetting the real meaning of the Fourth of July. They think it's all about fireworks and parties. I think if we could get the real meaning across America and it's people our country would be a better place now and for future generations.

Tamira Vasconcellos, 502 N. Adams, Apt 2, Ypsilanti:

A Celebration of Equality — a Multi-Cultural and Multi-Abeled "Patchwork Quilt". "A diversity of people (Blacks, Asians, native Americans; as well as differently-abled in wheelchairs or perhaps a representative from United Way) could march along with traditional marching bands and parade members. However, we all would wave different colored flags or cards; and in combination, could form the American flag.

J.R.T., Ypsilanti:

They Are Coming to America. "It's what we are all about. All races, all religions, all of everything. This theme can go from floats of immigrant heritage to a float of a flower garden of children of all color and races. A float depicting the major religions. We need something like this to blend us all together."

Liz Carswell, 1515 Ridge, Lot #247, Ypsilanti:

Significant Men, Women and Organizations who contributed to making the United States an Independent Nation. "The most obvious things such as the flag, Constitution, etc. are usually used as themes for a Fourth of July Parade. What about all the people, (little people included) who fought in one way or another to achieve independence? An example would be Betsy Ross or leaders of the north and south, folks who rose up when their love of country called, and

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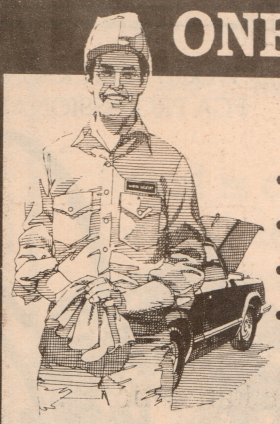

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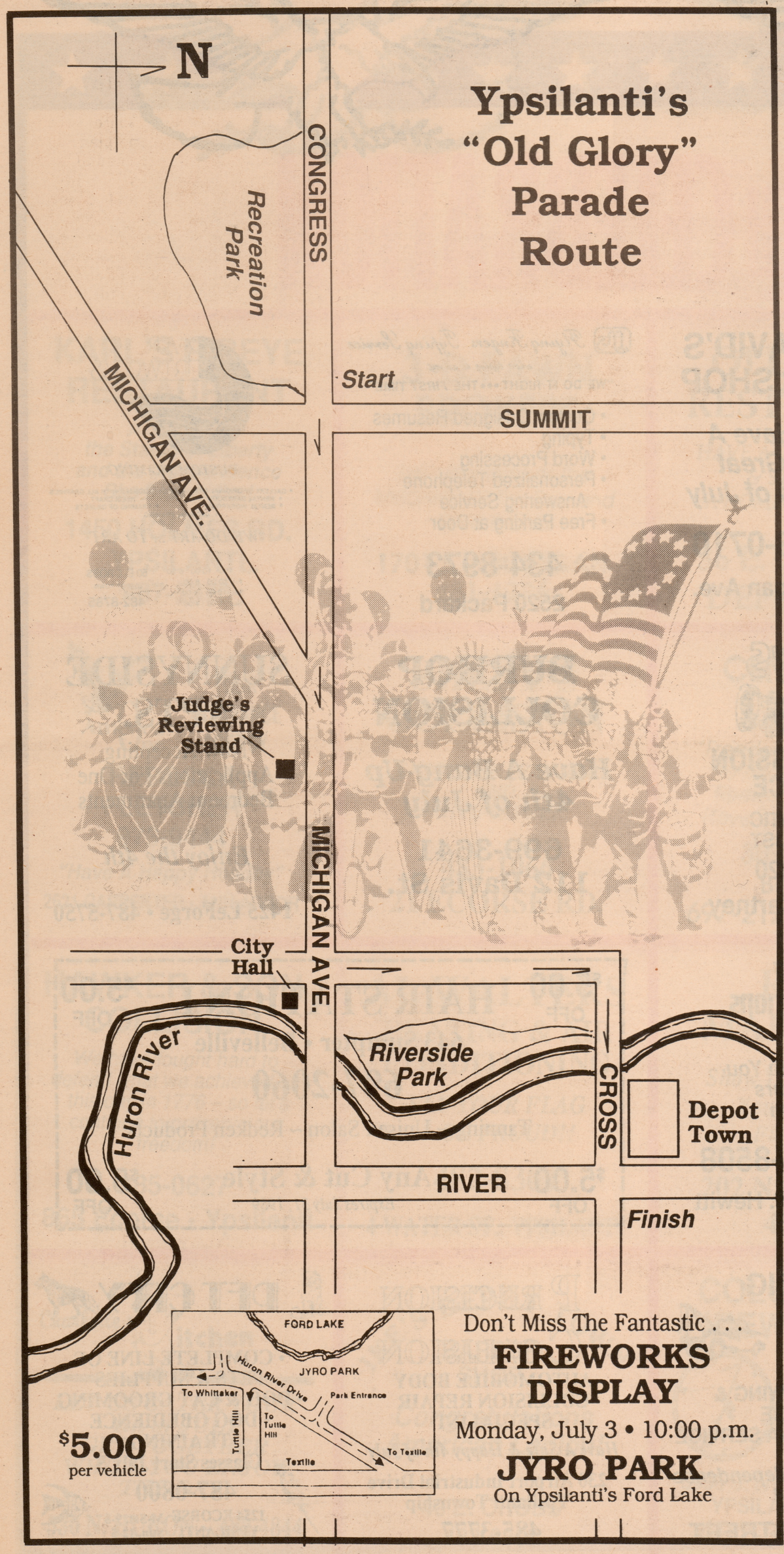

Ypsi parade lineup includes 100 units

About a hundred units will stream down the streets of Ypsilanti when the 60th annual parade begins at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Clare Ferrier will announce the parade as it follows the route shown on the map at left.

A highlight of the event will be a fly-over at 11:35 a.m. by jet aircraft from the Michigan Air National Guard. The planes will fly 1,000 feet over Michigan Avenue at 300 knots.

The parade, sponsored by the American Legion, also will stop at the Cross Street Bridge to re-dedicate memorial plaques for the WWI veterans.

Here is the roster for the parade:

1. **Police Escort** — Sgt. Jessie Foley, Ypsilanti Police Department

1A. **Theme Contest Winner** — Dolores Anderson of Belleville with banner carried by two eagle scouts, "Old Glory, The Symbol of Liberty and Justice"

2. **Color Guard** — Wolverine Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association

3. **Parade Marshal** — World War I veterans, including William Hughes, age 99; D.H. Raymond, age 90; Ivan Richardson, age 93; and Joe Kalejar, age 88.

4. **Color Guard** — Marine Color Guard from Ypsilanti

4a. **Color Guard** — Marine Corp. League, Washtenaw County

5. **Band** — 5th Michigan Regiment Band, Civil War Band

6. **Color Guard** — American Legion Post 282

7. **Club Entry** — Commander from Post 282

7a. **Club Entry** — Auxiliary President of Post 282

8. **Float** — Post 282 Float

9. **Elected Official** — Rep. William D. Ford, D-Taylor

10. **Club Entry** — VFW Post 2408 Color Guard, Auxiliary Color Guard, Float, Commander, Auxiliary President

11. **Antique Vehicle** — Heritage Fire Co., 1925 Fire Truck — Jim Adams

12. **Marching Unit** — Scout Pack 3, handicapped, 3 wheelchairs scouts, 3 walking scouts, 5 adults walking

13. **Float** — Musical Calliope, Flint Music Makers

14. **Elected Official** — City of Ypsilanti, Mayor riding in antique car, Council walking

15. **Color Guard** — Vietnam Vets 310

15a. **Float** — Ypsilanti Press

16. **Club Entry** — Past Commander, Washtenaw County Council of Vets

17. **Antique Vehicle** —53 Chevy — Ed Thornsberry

18. **Antique Vehicle** —29 International Stake Truck

19. **Band** — Ypsilanti High School Band

19a. **Ypsilanti Administration and School Board**

20. **Celebrity** — Rodney Holman of the Cincinnati Bengals, Ypsi High Graduate, 1928 Ford

21. **Club Entry** - Pythian Sisters, Huron Arbor Temple 66

22. **Elected Official** — Judith James Wood, Probate Judge

23. **Elected Official** — John N. Kirkendall, Probate Judge

24. **Elected Official** — Kenneth Bronson, 14th District Judge

25. **Float** — Ypsilanti Township Float

26. **Elected Officials** — Ypsilanti Township Board

27. **Band** — John Glenn High School, "Rocker" Marching Band

27a. **Marching Unit** — Doris Mida

28. **Queen** — 1989 Miss Governor's Cup Queen Heidi Swarthout with boats

29. **Float** — Senior Citizens Town Centre Truck

30. **Elected Official** — State Senator Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor

31. **Elected Official** — State Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti

31a. **Antique fire Truck,** Dave Wheeler, 1952 Ypsilanti Fire Truck, Ypsilanti retired firefighters marching

32. **Antique Fire Truck,** — 1937, Jim Baker

32a. **Antique Fire Truck** —1934, Dave Wheeler

33. **Chamber of Commerce Auto Raffle** — Lincoln Continental and Corvette

34. **Marching Unit** — EMU Institute of Arts and

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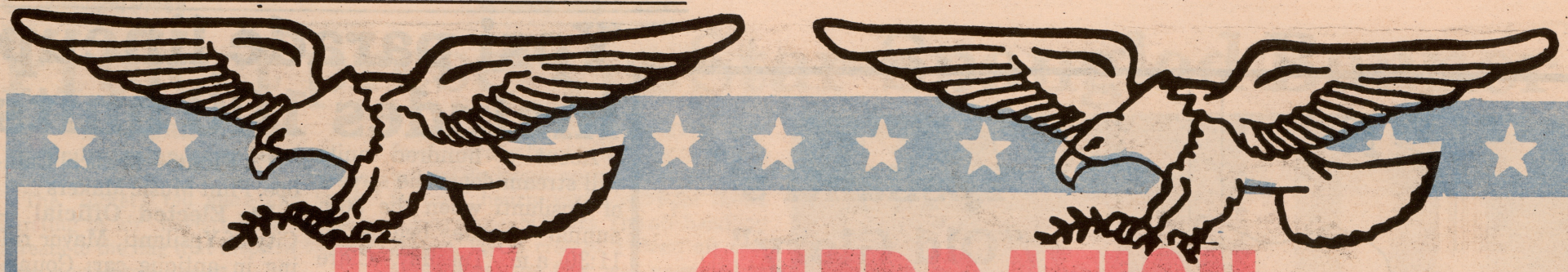

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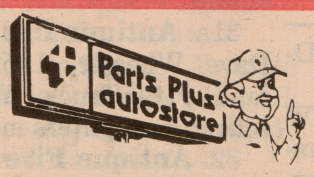

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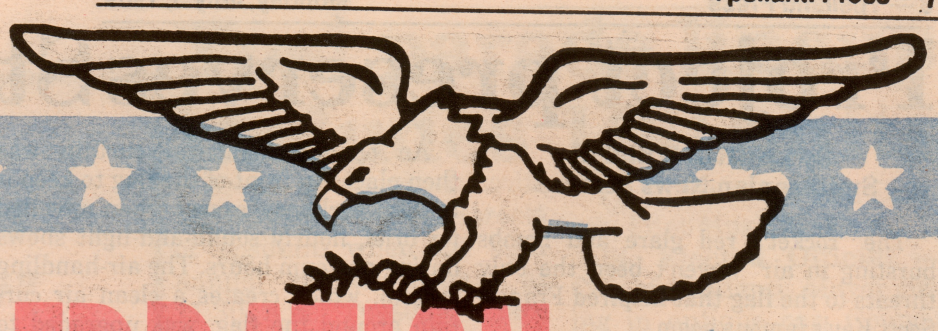

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Project preserves Star-Spangled Banner

By LAURIE WERTZ
Smithsonian News Service

The "rocket's red glare and bombs bursting in air" haven't been the only threats to the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key's famous poem.

The Star-Spangled Banner, the 34-foot-by-30-foot flag that greets visitors at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., had collected much dirt over the years. A messy mix of dust, soil, grass and even microscopic blue cotton particles from visitors' jeans were found clinging to the priceless flag.

Museum conservators attributed the grimy buildup to the banner's dramatic location directly in front of the busy, often drafty museum entrance on the National Mall.

"The main problem was dust which comes in with visitors and on eddies of air and then settles on the flag," Scott Odell, head of the museum's Division of Conservation, explains. Also, the mere fact that the flag has been hanging in one place, exposed to light and air for 19 years, was a major factor in the accumulation of dirt.

Clearly, the Stars and Stripes were facing new dangers. Besides being unattractive, "dust in the long run wears by abrasion as the flag sways slightly in the drafts," Rita Adrosko, head of the museum's Textile Division, notes. "Chemical substances trapped in dust might also contribute to degradation of the flag's surface."

The museum has just completed a delicate cleaning project to protect the flag from further deterioration. Both sides of the flag were vacuumed by conservators working from a scaffolding, using small low-suction, battery-powered vacuum cleaners. The flag's surroundings — walls, lighting fixtures and air ducts — also were cleaned.

An opaque theatrical curtain was then placed in front of the flag to keep it in total darkness, except when unveiled for brief, hourly sound-and-light shows during museum hours. The air-handling system, which creates a clean air curtain around the flag, was upgraded to control dust as well as humidity and temperature.

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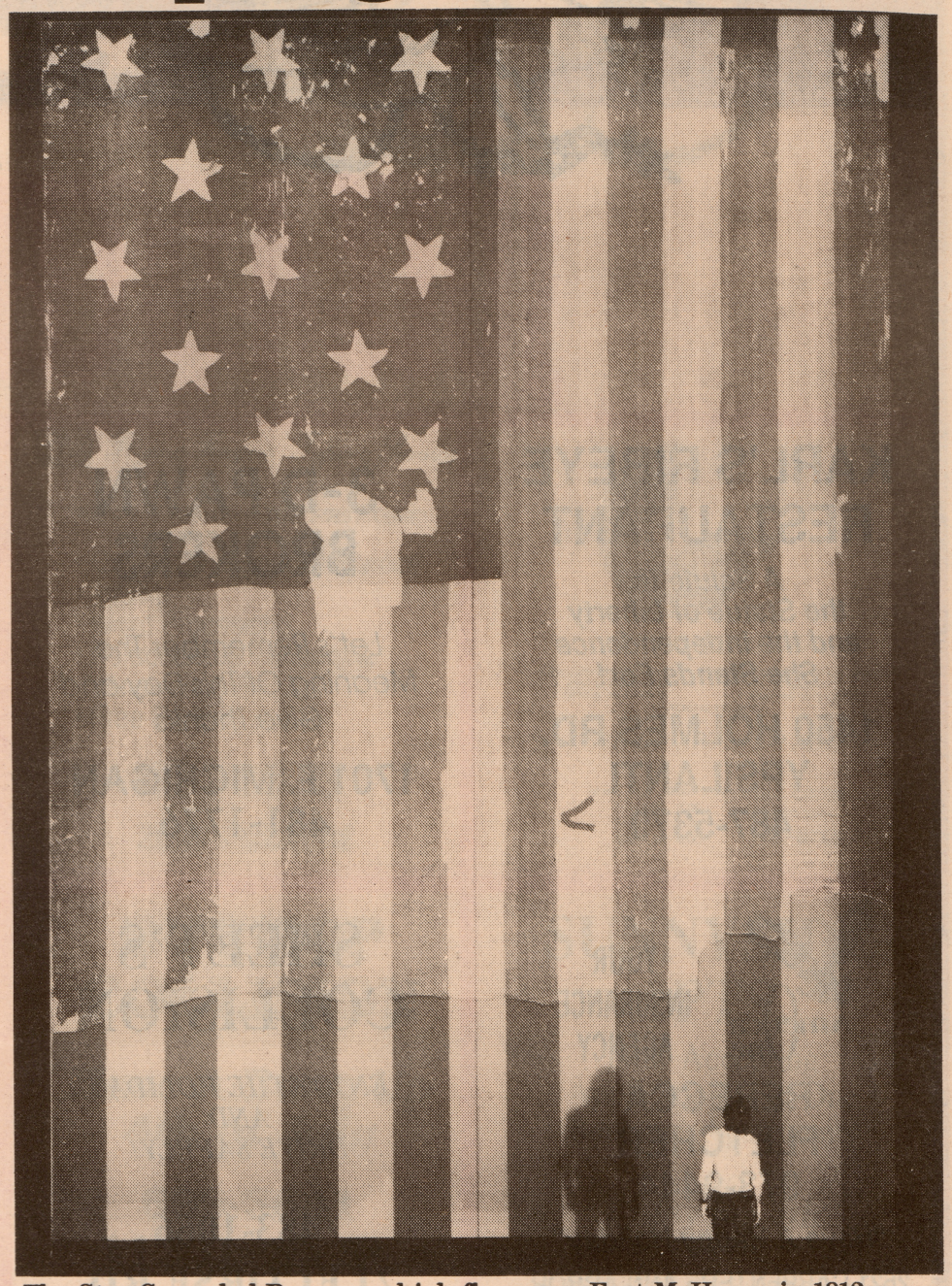
The Star-Spangled Banner, which Key observed in the "dawn's early light" of Sept. 14, 1814, has had many adventures during its 169 years. Little is known about the flag's treatment from 1814 to 1907, when it belonged to the family of Col. George Armistead, commander of Fort McHenry during Britain's unsuccessful attack on Baltimore in 1814. But the earliest known photograph of the flag, taken in 1874, shows it crudely tacked to a coarse backing, with one star missing and the white stripes tattered.

In 1914, Mrs. Amelia Fowler of Boston stitched the flag to a new backing. It was then hung horizontally in the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building. After Pearl Harbor, it was folded and stored in a tar-paper-covered package in a cavern near Luray, Va.

When the war ended, the flag was rehung in a glass case, its bottom edge set in moth crystals. During its stay in Arts and Industries, the flag was vacuumed only once, and no other treatment is recorded. In 1963, the banner was moved to its present location.

The recent conservation project will not undo all the ravages of age, but it should help to preserve the Stars and Stripes for future visitors to enjoy.



The Star-Spangled Banner, which flew over Fort McHenry in 1812, was recently cleaned at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Lineup

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Sciences, with clowns

35. **Band** — Scout Band, Huron Valley Girl Scout Council

35a. **Marching Unit** — Washtenaw Girl Scouts

36. **Float** — Girl Scouts

37. **Marching Unit** — Leader Dog Puppy Club

37a. **Antique Vehicle** — 1931 Ford, Don Runyon

38. **Antique Vehicle** —Wiards Orchards fire truck

39. **Antique Vehicle** —Forest Hamilton

40. **Antique Vehicle** —1955 Street Rod

40a. **Miss Michigan Co-ed Hostess** — Annette Wurster, age 18.

41. **Band** — Windsor Police Pipe Band

42. **Bicycles** — High Wheel Bicycle Club

43. **Club Entry** — Ypsilanti Loyal Order of Moose 782, Women of the Moose 286

44. **Club Entry** — American Red Cross — Washtenaw Chapter, walkers and autos

45. **Float** — Optimist Club of Ypsilanti

45a. **Antique Vehicle** — 1932 International P/U Truck, Michael Cox

46. **Bookmobile** — Ypsilanti Area Mobile Library

47. **Club Entry** — Washtenaw United Way

48a. **Band** — Brass Potatoes Dixieland Jazz Band

48b. **Marching Unit** — Spirit of Ypsilanti

49. **Float** — Red Carpet Keim/Brookshire Real Estate

50. **Antique Vehicle** —1964 Ford, Mike Shingledecker

51. **Antique Vehicle** —1929 Mercedes replica convertible

51a. **Bicycles** — Decorated Bikes (area elementary students)

51b. **Bicycles** — Decorated Bikes (area elementary kids)

53. **Marching Unit** — Welcome Wagon International

54. **Antique Vehicle** —2 headed car, Gene Butman Ford

55. **Float** — Ypsilanti/Willow Run NAACP Youth Council

55a. **Antique Vehicle** — 1965 Custom Club, Ford P/U, Ken Campbell, 1920 Alles Chamers Tractor, Sue Campbell

56. **Marching Unit** — Ford Lake Ski Club, cars and boats

57. **Band** — Willow Run High School Band

57a. **Willow Run Administrators**

58. **Marching Unit** — American Way

59. **Marching Unit** — American Dental Health

59a. **Marching Unit** — Cregers Talent Review

60. **Autos** — Brother Truckers Van Club

60a. **Antique Vehicle** — 1950 Ford, Ken Harper

61. **Club Entry** — Frontier Lodge 1681

62. **Horses** — Lord Charles of Greythorne Manor, Knight

62a. **Horses** — Team of mules and wagon, David Adler

63. **Antique Vehicle** —Floyd Wagner

64. **Antique Vehicle** —Walter P. Romanski

65. **Band** — Marracci Temple 13 Drum & Bugle Corps,

65a. **Antique Vehicles** —Janet Sheets Carpenter. 1923 Ford Model T stake truck, 1929 Ford Model A coupe, 1948 Kaiser 4-door coupe, 1953 Kaiser Henry J, 1954 Ford ranch wagon, 1929 Ford Model A

66. **Auto** — Crime Prevention Van, Washtenaw County Sheriffs Department

67. **Auto** — Hurons Moving Van (Godfrey Moving and Storage)

69. **Fire Truck** — City of Ypsilanti

70. **Fire Truck** — Ypsilanti Township

71. **Fire Truck** — Superior Township

72. **Autos** — Bob Smiths' Corvette Club

73. **Train** — 40 and 8 Train

Entries

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made it all possible. I'm sure that with researching this particular topic, people can come up with lots of ideas for floats, etc. My suggestion does not exclude the use of the Flag, etc., but would highlight the human beings (known and unknown) who did their part for their country.

Gary Hackett, 42230 McBride, Belleville:

P.R.E.S.S. " Without a free nation no freedom of press, without a Ypsilanti (free) Press no free nation. The Parade Represents Every Single Sacrifice, of people to keep the U.S. free. The parade represents every single settler who came to Ypsilanti. The parade represents every soldier and sailor from Ypsilanti area who have fought and died to keep this nation free. The parade represents every single stubborn citizen who would not give in to the worst of situations when our freedom was involved. Did they not press on? And was the Press not there when we needed to know?"

Robin C. Johnson, 1322 Russell, Ypsilanti:

There are too many people who don't take pride in America, let alone in their own communities. It's time we start thinking of what pride means, and showing everyone it's great to be an American.

James P. Eicher, Ypsilanti:

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Americans Right to Freedom. "The theme reflects a stand for independence that American people have fought to protect since early settlement in the colonies, is still practiced in our generation, and will be enjoyed in future times. Our struggles and stumbling have built knowledge, technology in industry, and the choice of free speech."

Gordon Hyslop, 690 Nash, Ypsilanti:

Proud to Live in the U.S.A. — on this day. "America is a nation founded and created by God. America is a nation where wehave the freedom to pursue life, liberty, and happiness and serve our Creator. Finally, America is a nation that has been blessed of God both spiritually and materially. No wonder I am proud to live in America."

Nakima Watkins, 1579 Harvest Lane, Ypsilanti:

The American March. "The people are marching for America and it's presidents, governments, it's flag and the people who helped make America at least in better condition than it used to be. And of peoples talents to discover things like medicine to help the ill, or houses and soup kitchens to support and shelter the homeless and the malnutritioned people, especially the malnourished children. Plus the jobs and the people who do the jobs."

Patricia Blackburn, 1211 Stamford, Ypsilanti:

Praise the power that hath made and preserved us as a nation with freedom to all. "It shows we are a nation united as one and we the people have freedom on independance day."

Arnold Scott Brodie, 1523 Wismer, Ypsilanti:

The Tradition of Public Service in America. "America's greatness has been demonstrated throughout it's history by the unselfish nature of those citizens, such as the firefighter and policeman, who keep us safe, those who serve in the armed forces, who keep us free, those whom we elect to govern and those who voluntarily serve their fellow man."

Jack M. Brown, 6841 Whittaker, Ypsilanti:

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Dale Fish, 260 Edgewood, Belleville:

No Drugs in America. "Drugs are taking over in all phases of life the young especially. If we stamp out drugs, then maybe we can live in America the way the Constitution was meant to be."

Renee Lennard, 51000 Mott # 55, Canton:

Charlie Brown and the Peanut's Character's representing the Declaration of Independence. "Because frequently the Peanut's cartoon is on the TV teaching young people about our history. I feel the young people in the community would recognize these character's and enjoy the parade while learning about their history."

Imogene Stoddard, 1061 Hawthorne, Ypsilanti:

Under the Red, White and Blue. Let's house the Homeless Few. "We take our freedom for granted and complain about unimportant things. Americans should take notice of this growing problem in the United States, not in Africa or some other backwoods country, but down the street in the land of opportunity."

Betty J. Schlief, 380 Liberty, Belleville:

It's A Small World (Disneyland-Small World Music). "It's internationalistic first float and Uncle Sam - American Flag (plus flags from all represented countries) and second any consecutive floats, carry country flag plus American flag (ie) Africa - American, China - American, Japan - American. Costumes Represent Countries, Country Assignment Determined by first come, first served. No duplicate floats."

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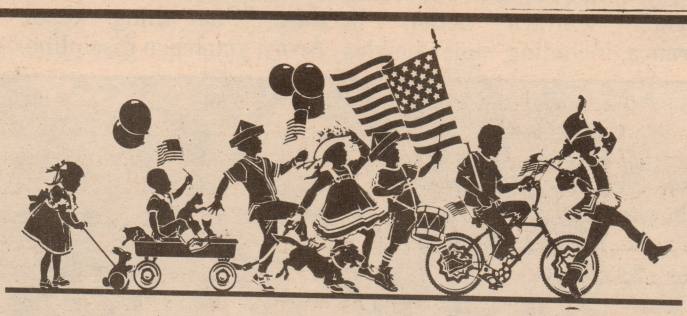

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Area's WW I veterans to serve as grand marshals

By JUDSON BRANAM
Press Staff Writer

A man who remembers when 35 cents would buy a streetcar ride from Ypsilanti to Detroit will be among those taking a ride of honor July 4, when the area's World War I veterans serve as grand marshals of the Ypsilanti Parade.

Ypsilanti resident Bill Hughes, a 99-year-old veteran of World War I, comes from a family of military veterans befitting the Grand Ol' Flag theme for this year's parade.

Hughes served in the U.S. Army from 1917 to 1919, seeing trench warfare action in France, including major battles at St. Mihiel and Belleau Woods.

Three of Hughes' four sons were in the service, fighting in World War II and Korea; his father was a Civil War veteran, and his older brother fought in the Spanish-American War.

He displays an American flag in front of his house, and proclaims that "I believe in patriotism."

"I think for a young fella around 18, 19 or 20 years old who can't find the work he wants, the Army is the best place for 'em for two or three years," said Hughes, who is four months shy of his 100th birthday. "One thing about the Army, you learn discipline."

In his 55 years in Ypsilanti, which included a career as foreman of the city streets department, Hughes said the city has changed for the busier, which is not to his liking.

"It's nothing like it used to be — I don't think it's as good," Hughes said. "Progress is all right, but they're carrying things too far. Nobody can convince me otherwise."

D.H. Raymond of Belleville, another 99-year-old veteran, also plans to take part in the parade.

Raymond, who will turn 100 on Nov. 1, spent his brief Army career in Michigan, serving as an induction official at Camp

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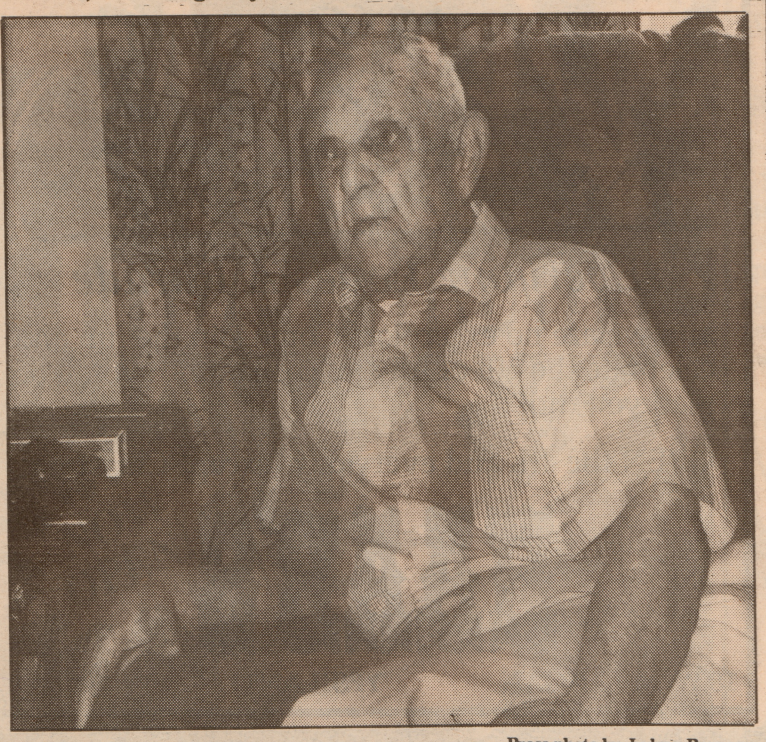

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Hughes, 99, comes from a family of military veterans.

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Marshals

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Custer in Battle Creek. His most memorable military experience, he said, was witnessing the first motorized vehicle at Camp Custer — a motorcycle —as it made its way across the camp on Nov. 10, 1918.

"I had a wonderful experience," he said. "I was there two months, and all I did was process those 300 soldiers — get 'em sorted out and straightened out and examined."

Raymond, whose son, Darryl Raymond Jr., is a Belleville insurance agent, has lived in the city his entire life, the last 69 years in his Wabash Street home. After working as a Standard Oil Co. agent in Belleville for 33 years, Raymond Sr. said, "I've been retired longer than I worked."

All 91 World War I veterans in Washtenaw County have been invited to serve as grand marshals in the parade, said Dennis Haiser of Washtenaw County's Veterans Services office. At least 10 of the veterans, whose average age is 91 years, plan to participate, Haiser said.

Following the parade, World War I veterans will be honored by the city for the second time when a set of commemorative tablets is re-dedicated in their honor.

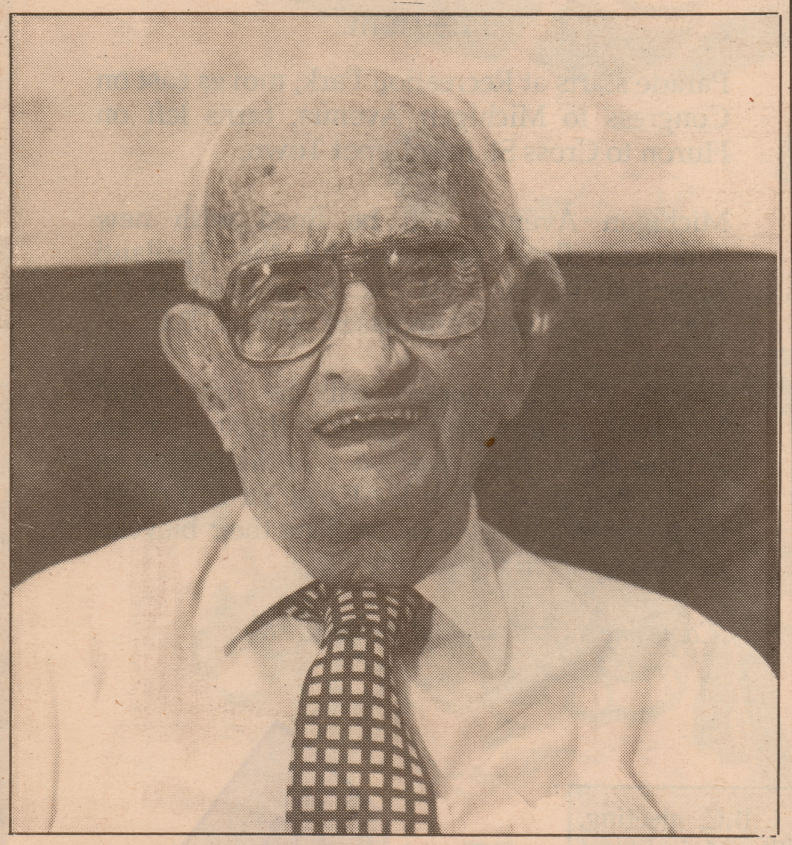
The plaques originally were dedicated July 4, 1919, when they were affixed to the Cross Street bridge near Depot Town.

Reported *The Ypsilantian-Press* the following day: "The affair was attended by a dignity and impressiveness which is the best tribute the public is albe to pay for the great service rendered."

However, when the bridge was rebuilt a few years back, the plaques were not worked into the new span, and they languished in the city Department of Public Works yard.

Haiser said organizers will try to "semi-duplicate" the ceremony of 70 years ago, which he said "should be quite a nice event."

"I think it is fitting and proper for the parade this year, instead of having a grand marshal, we'd have as many World War I vets as we could," parade chairman Darwin "Dutch" Jordan said. "Then they can also be there for the re-dedication of the plaques on the bridge."



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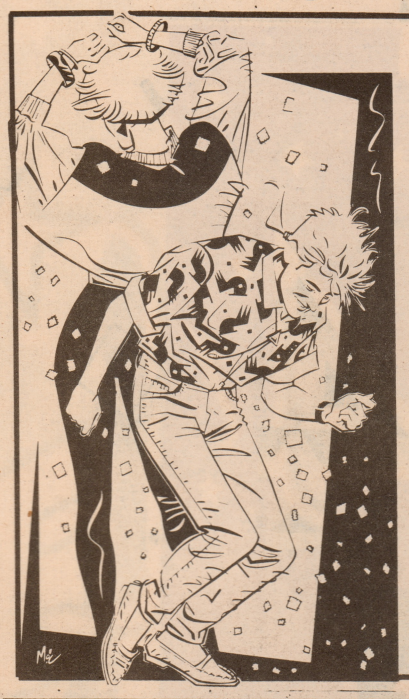
Motorcycle capped off Raymond's military experience.



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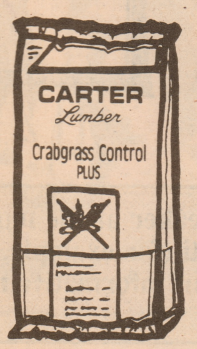

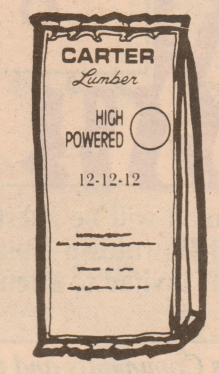

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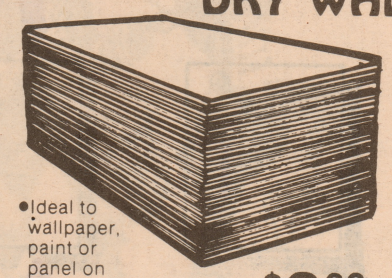

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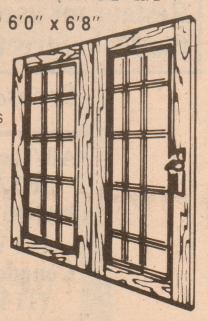

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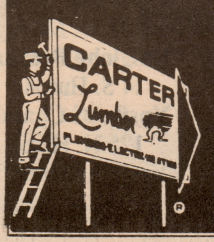

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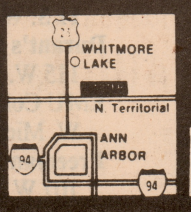

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Michigan Avenue will be lined with new American flags provided by the Ypsilanti American Legion Post 282. New brackets for the flags have been purchased by the C.B.C.

World War I veterans will be the Grand Marshals for this year's parade. Right after the parade ends, there will be a re-dedication of the W.W. I plaques on the Cross Street bridge. Kids are encouraged to decorate their bicycles and take part in the parade.

Come one... Come all and join the fun!

On July 11th, City Historian Doris Milliman will be guest speaker at the monthly C.B.C. meeting. Ms. Milliman will speak on the history of Downtown Ypsilanti (for example, how The Main Street Restaurant used to be a mill). The public is invited to attend this informative meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Street Restaurant.

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